

SARSAT Weekly Rescues Report for period 28 September to 4 October 2012.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Search and Rescue Satellite Aided Tracking System Rescues, Eight.

Incident 1:

Beacon ID: 2DCE36940AFFBFF

On 30 September 2012 at 1736 UTC the COSPAS-SARSAT system detected a 406 MHz PLB at 27 03.1N 83 07.5W, 35 NM west of Sarasota, FL. Four people on board a 22ft pleasure craft activated their PLB when their vessel became disabled. Coast Guard District 7 Rescue Coordination Center (CGD7 RCC) received the SARSAT alert and requested Coast Guard Sector Saint Petersburg issue an urgent marine information broadcast. Next, CGD13 RCC launched an MH-60 Jayhawk helicopter from Coast Guard Air Station Clearwater to the SARSAT coordinates. The Jayhawk located the disabled vessel, lowered a radio, and confirmed that the beacon activation. The Jayhawk crew confirmed all on board were safe, and helped arrange for a tow and departed the area. Approximately an hour later Sea tow from Venice, FL arrived on scene and towed the vessel to the Venice Railroad dock.

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Incident 2:

Beacon ID: 2DCE7052A8FFBFF

On 30 September 2012 at 2021 UTC the COSPAS-SARSAT system detected a 406 MHz PLB at, 47 20.6N 121 28.4W, 27NM east of Seattle, WA, in the Wenatchee National Forest. A hiker suffered a broken leg while hiking and activated a PLB. Air Force Rescue Coordination Center received the SARSAT alert and sent it to the Washington State Emergency Management Division (WA EMD). WA EMD forwarded the SARSAT data to the King County Sherriff's Department, which dispatched a helicopter to the SARSAT coordinates. The King County Helicopter located the injured hiker, hoisted the hiker on board, and flew him to a hospital in Seattle.

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Incident 3:

Beacon ID: 2DCE635F42FFBFF

On 30 September 2012 at 2100 UTC the COSPAS-SARSAT system detected a 406 MHz PLB at 33 20.2N 109 57.1W, 74 NM east of Phoenix, AZ. The pilot of an ultra light aircraft died after crashing his plane on the San Carlos Apache Indian Reservation in southeast Arizona. His brother, flying in another ultra light aircraft alongside made a hard landing trying to get to the crash site, and activated his PLB. The Air Force Rescue Coordination Center received the SARSAT alert and contacted the Arizona department of Emergency Management (AZ DEM). AZ DEM forwarded the SARSAT coordinates to the San Carlos Indian Tribal Police, who located the crash site and the deceased pilot, and took the surviving brother to the hospital with minor injuries.

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Incident 4:

Beacon ID: ADCC40A90800315

On 1 October 2012 at 2327 UTC the COSPAS-SARSAT system detected a 406 MHz ELT at 38 58.1N 104 48.8W, on the US Air Force Academy (KAFF) in Colorado Springs, CO. A Cirrus SR-20 trainer with 2 people on board ran off the end of the runway and crashed into a hangar at KAFF. While the plane and hangar were damaged in the collision, both people on board were unharmed. Air Force Rescue Coordination Center received the SARSAT alert and contacted KAFF personnel. KAFF personnel reported they had responded to the crash and silenced the beacon.

2 SARSAT RESCUES

The total number of rescues for FY 12 and calendar year 2012 have been adjusted by six due to an error in reporting last week.

Total number of rescues for FY 12: 272

Total number of rescues for the calendar year 2012: 215

Significance: The SARSAT system protects life and property in support of the nation's commerce and transportation systems. (LTJG Timothy Sinuefield, 301-817-4757)